Lifestyle

Perfect for potluck

EVERYONE is busy in the fall. That's why potluck parties are a great way to get together with friends and family while keeping the work involved to a minimum.

When everyone brings a favorite dish, it is a wonderful way to taste each other's much-loved recipes. If you use a recipe that's quick and easy to prepare — and tastes even better reheated — you'll be all set!

Hearty Sausage and Rice Casserole combines mushroom soup with seasoned white and wild rice mix, mushrooms, pork sausage, and cheddar cheese for a satisfying dish that's sure to please a crowd.

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Hearty Sausage and Rice Casserole

- *1 pound bulk pork sausage*
- *1 package (8 ounces) sliced mushrooms*
- *2 stalks celery, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)*
- *1 large red pepper, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)*
- *1 large onion, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)*
- *1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed*
- *½ teaspoon dried marjoram leaves, crushed*
- *1¾ cups chicken broth*
- *1 can (10¾ ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup*
- *1 box (6 ounces) seasoned long-grain and wild rice mix*
- *1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (about 4 ounces)*

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Cook bulk pork sausage in a 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat until sausage is well browned, stirring often. Pour off any fat.

Add sliced mushrooms, celery, pepper, onion, thyme, marjoram and seasoning packet from rice blend to skillet and cook until vegetables are tender-crisp.

Stir together sausage mixture, chicken broth, cream of mushroom soup, rice blend and ½ cup cheese in 13-by-9-by-2-inch shallow baking dish. Cover.

Bake at 375 degrees F for one hour or until rice is tender. Stir mixture before serving. Sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Makes six servings.

Easy substitution

For an extra-special touch, substitute one package (8 ounces) baby portobello mushrooms, sliced, for sliced mushrooms.

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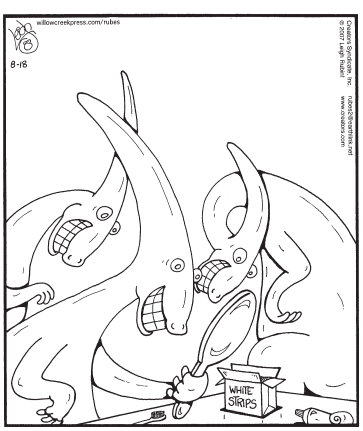

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